



TURNIP
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Beet

2023

Turnip the Beet Awards

The Turnip the Beet Award, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious.

Who Is Eligible?

- All Summer Meal Programs sponsors in good standing, including:
 - Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors
 - National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) sponsors

How Do Sponsors Apply?

- Submit the following to TDA at nutrition@texasagriculture.gov:
 - 2023 Nomination Form
 - Detailed one-month menu
 - Pictures of meals and activities
 - Invoices indicating whole grain rich and local products



**Deadline to
apply to TDA:
September 1, 2023**



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Tips for Completing the Nomination Form

Section 2: Short Answer Questions

- **Be Specific**

How are meals prepared to be age-appropriate for the population to be served?

Provide specific food items and age-appropriate modifications

How do you gather feedback from children about the meals served at the summer sites?

List specifically what methods you used.

What were the results?

- **Documentation**

Photos of serving lines, summer meal plates/trays, activities in action, etc with TDA photo release when needed

Invoices showing whole grain-rich and local produce

Section 3: Menus

One Month Menu

- If using a cycle menu, repeat cycle for the entire menu calendar month.



Water

- Clear statement on menu if water is available at no cost



Label Menu Items

- Canned
- Dried
- Fresh
- Frozen
- Local
- 100% Juice
- Whole Grain Rice
- Milk Fat Content and Flavor



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- USDA Recognition
- TDA Digital Certificate

Bonus Criteria

Review the bonus criteria on the nomination form to achieve higher award level

Summer 2022 Awardees



GOLD

- Brenham ISD
- College Station ISD
- Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD
- North East ISD
- Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD
- Plano ISD
- San Antonio Food Bank
- YES Prep Public Schools



SILVER

- Brownsville ISD
- Crosby ISD
- Florence ISD
- Frankston ISD
- Galena Park ISD
- Garland ISD
- Grapevine-Colleyville ISD
- Lamar ISD
- Longview ISD
- Magnolia ISD
- Marble Falls ISD
- Mission CISD
- Rio Hondo ISD
- San Antonio ISD
- San Marcos CISD
- Spring ISD



BRONZE

- Pasadena ISD
- Rockdale ISD



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